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2010

WORK
INCENTIVE
OF THE
MONTH
CALENDAR



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TOP 13

WORK INCENTIVES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

AVAILABLE TO
WORKING IOWANS WITH
DISABILITIES

WHO WANT TO
EARN MORE AND
KEEP MORE MONEY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

*If you are concerned that working
and earning money, starting a small business,
or buying a house or car might jeopardize your
Medicaid (Title XIX)/Medicare medical benefits
or your Social Security cash benefit ---
read on for important information ...*

WHO IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?

This calendar is for people with disabilities who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability cash benefits and want to earn more money by working.

Two Social Security programs provide benefits based on disability or blindness: the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

Social Security Disability Insurance – SSDI provides benefits to people with disabilities or who are blind AND who are “insured” by workers’ contributions to the Social Security trust fund. These contributions are based on earnings (or those of a spouse or parent), as required by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). SSDI checks are based on earnings over a lifetime and therefore vary in amount, depending how long you worked and how much money was earned. Title II of the Social Security Act authorizes SSDI benefits. Medicare health care coverage is available two years after receiving SSDI. SSDI counts the money from gross wages when you **earn** the money, not when you **receive** the money.

Supplemental Security Income – SSI provides cash assistance payments to people with disabilities (including children under age 18), people who are blind, or people who are elderly – who have limited income and resources (under \$2000 for an individual or \$3000 for a couple). Medicaid coverage is available with no waiting period. SSI counts the money from gross wages when you **receive** the money, not when you **earn** the money. In most cases, earning wages is financially advantageous to drawing SSI, however many people are concerned about losing their Medicaid health care benefit if they are employed. With SSI, there is a two-month delay – so you will need to plan that any earnings will affect your SSI check in two months.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CALENDAR

This calendar is a tool to help you track when you worked, how much you earned, and any expenses related to work and your disability that you can deduct. You are invited to use this calendar to document when and how you reported your earnings to Social Security (all wages need to be reported to Social Security by the 10th of the month) and other important information that working Iowans receiving SSI or SSDI need to track. Resource contact information is available at the end of the calendar. A pouch (back cover) is provided to store pay stubs and receipts.

*This calendar should be used to track and report information to
Social Security and to help avoid **OVERPAYMENT!***

This calendar does not take the place of reporting your earnings to Social Security!

REMEMBER - ALWAYS MAKE COPIES OF YOUR RECORDS!

Important Information About My Work and My Support Team

Important People/Phone Numbers

Social Security Contact: _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Benefits Planner/Community Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC): _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Vocational Counselor: _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Representative Payee (if I have one): _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Employment Network: _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Support Broker (for people using Community Choices Option (CCO): _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

My Employer(s): _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

I am paid \$_____ per hour and working _____ hours each week.

\$_____ SSI counts gross wages received in each month.

\$_____ SSDI counts gross wages earned in each month.

Important Information About My Benefits

SSI \$_____/month

- ☐ Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE)
- ☐ Blind Work Expenses
- ☐ Property Essential to Self-Support (PESS)
- ☐ Continued Medicaid (1619b)
- ☐ Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits (EXR)
- ☐ Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)
- ☐ Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

SSDI \$_____/month

Trial Work Periods used ☐ Yes ☐ No # _____

Extended Period of Eligibility started _____ end _____

Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE) _____

Medicare start date _____ Part A _____ Part B _____ Part D _____

_____ Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits (EXR)

_____ Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)

Other Benefits I Receive

- ☐ Food Assistance (stamps) \$_____
- ☐ Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD)
- ☐ Public Housing
- ☐ Section 8 Voucher
- ☐ Government Subsidized Housing
- ☐ Other: _____

I have assigned my Ticket to Work ☐ Yes ☐ No

My Employment Network is: _____

I have a PASS ☐ Yes ☐ No

* To find Social Security benefits information, call your local Social Security office or your Iowa Work Incentives Planning & Assistance Project (IWIPA). IWIPA can be reached at these toll free numbers and web site: 1-877-424-9472 or 1-866-528-4019 or at www.iowawipa.org

RESOURCES

PLACES TO GET INFORMATION AND HELP

Association for Providers of Supported Employment (APSE)

319-293-6276
www.apse.org

County Central Point of Coordination

www.dhs.state.ia.us/mhdd/docs/CPCLIST.pdf

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

TTY 888-221-3724
www.state.ia.us/government/dhr/ds/index.html

Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council

800-452-1936 (toll free)
TTY 515-281-9082
www.state.ia.us/ddcouncil/about.html

HUD

515-284-4512
TTY 515-284-4728
www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=ia

Institute for Social and Economic Development/ISED Ventures/Iowans Save

800-421-0940 (toll free)
www.isedventures.org

Iowa Able Foundation

888-222-8943 (toll free)
www.iowaable.com

Iowa Association of Community Providers

515-270-9495
www.iowaproviders.org/

Iowa COMPASS

800-779-2001 (toll free)
TTY 877-686-0032
www.iowacompass.org/index.html

Iowa Credit Union League

800-860-6180 (toll free)
www.iowacreditunions.com/

Iowa Department for the Blind

800-362-2587 (toll free)
www.blind.state.ia.us

Iowa Department of Human Services

www.dhs.state.ia.us

Iowa Disability Program Navigators

563-380-0273 or
515-783-4877
www.iowaworkforce.org/access/navigatorcontact.html

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Member Services: 800-338-8366 (toll free)
Member Eligibility: 800-972-2017 (toll free)
www.ime.state.ia.us/index.html

Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services

800-779-2502 (toll free)
TTY 866-483-3342
www.ipna.org/

Iowa Statewide Independent Living Council

877-469-0623 (toll free)
TTY 877-466-7442
www.iowasilc.org

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services

800-532-1486 (toll free)
www.ivrs.iowa.gov/

Iowa Workforce Development

800-562-4692 (toll free)
www.iowaworkforce.org/

Iowa Work Incentives Planning & Assistance

430 East Grand
Des Moines, IA 50309-9803
877-424-9472 (toll free) or
Relay 711- toll free 866-528-4019
www.iowawipa.org/

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213 (toll free)
TTY 800-325-0778
www.socialsecurity.gov

Ticket to Work/Maximus

866-968-7842 (toll free)
TTY 866-833-2967
www.yourtickettowork.com

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

800-888-4733 (toll free)
www.irs.gov (enter **VITA** in search box)



Promoting the creative power in people with disabilities

"We are grateful to VSA arts of Iowa and their group of talented Iowa artists for the artwork and photography featured throughout this calendar."

VSA arts of Iowa promotes the creative power of Iowans of all abilities through arts experiences. VSA arts of Iowa uses the arts to improve the capabilities of children and adults with disabilities in learning and expressing themselves. Businesses, organizations, and individuals have been instrumental in helping VSA arts of Iowa's growth plan for providing arts opportunities to an increasing number of people while expanding services for children and adults.

Cultural Access Services

VSA arts of Iowa provides statewide services to cultural organizations that include ASL interpretation, audio description, large print format, and other adaptations.

The Accessibility Clearinghouse

The Accessibility Clearinghouse provides accessibility information for performing arts facilities, art centers, and other places where the arts abound.

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VSA arts of Iowa – Artist (calendar artwork)

Cover artwork – (collage of VSA artists artwork)

Back page artwork – (VSA artist artwork)

Kemlyn Tan Bappe – *Reaching for the Stars*, Watercolor and Ink (January)

Rebecca Scholl – *Yellow Farmhouse*, Pencil and Watercolor Pencil (February)

Harriet A. Clements – *Night Wonderings*, Mixed Media (March)

Connie Larson Miller – *Pulling the Strings*, Acrylic (April)

Michael Groesbeck – *Pollination*, Photograph (May)

John Jannenga – *The Blue Bird*, Colored and Graphite Pencil (June)

David A. Stewart – *Junk Car*, Ink and Colored Pencil (July)

Rebecca Scholl – *Change of Scenery*, Watercolor Pencil (August)

Ardys Foster – *Tranquility*, Oil (September)

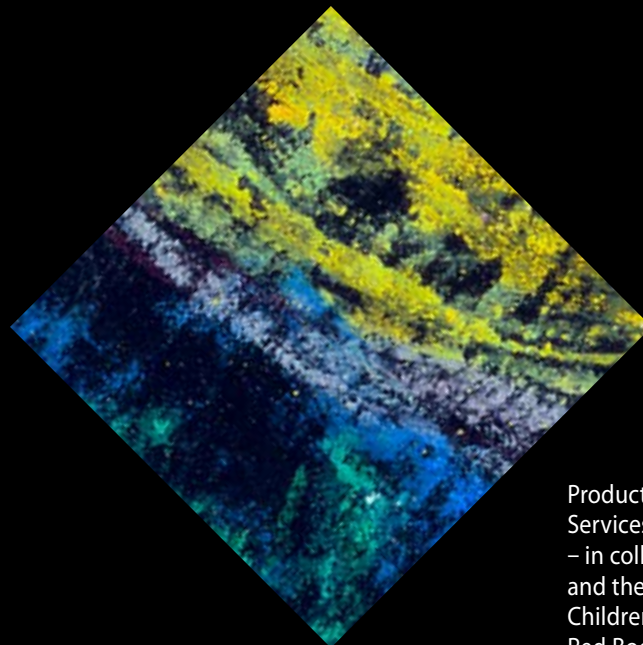
Jim Givan – *Another Day*, Oil (October)

Dick Grodt – *Iowa Sunset*, Watercolor (November)

Ruthy Patch – *Hyperactive*, Mixed Media (December)

Mark Shafer – *Vase*, Oil Pastels (January)

NOTE: Most of the artwork has been photographically cropped to fit each calendar month space.



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